

**Amendments to the Claims:**


The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electro-optical device, comprising:  
an electro-optical substance;  
a pair of substrates holding the electro-optical substance; and  
pole-like spacers having a sectional curvature shape with no acute angle  
provided on at least one of the pair of substrates on a to-be-provided surface of the at least one substrate facing the electro-optical substance, the pole-like spacers having, at roots thereof, a slope portion with a surface connecting to the to-be-provided surface.
2. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, further including an orientation film formed on the to-be-provided surface, the pole-like spacers having an elliptic shape in cross-section on a plane in parallel with the to-be-provided surface, and a long diameter of the elliptic shape extending in a direction in agreement with a direction in which the orientation film is rubbed.
3. (Currently Amended) An electro-optical device, comprising:  
an electro-optical substance;  
a pair of substrates holding the electro-optical substance;  
pole-like spacers provided on at least one of the pair of substrates on a to-be-provided surface of the at least one substrate facing the electro-optical substance; and  
an orientation film formed on the to-be-provided surface;  
the pole-like spacers having an elliptic shape with no acute angle in cross-section in a direction in parallel with the to-be-provided surface; and  
a long diameter of the elliptic shape stretching in a direction in agreement with a direction in which the orientation film is rubbed.

4. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, the slope portion being formed on an entire outer circumference of the pole-like spacers.
5. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, the pole-like spacers having a maximum area of sectional shape on a plane in parallel with the to-be-provided surface and in contact with the to-be-provided surface, and the area decreasing as it extends from the to-be-provided surface.
6. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, the pole-like spacers having at least one of a semi-spherical shape and a semi-elliptic spherical shape.
7. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, a head end of the pole-like spacers including a flat surface.
8. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, further including:
  - a first striped wiring formed on the at least one substrate;
  - a second striped wiring formed on the at least one substrate or the other substrate, and extending in a direction that intersects the first striped wiring;
  - switching elements and pixel electrodes formed corresponding to regions where the second striped wiring and the first striped wiring intersect each other; and
  - a light-shielding film formed on the at least one substrate or the other substrate at a position corresponding to a position where the first striped wiring and the second striped wiring are formed;
  - the pole-like spacers being arranged within a width of the light-shielding film.
9. (Original) The electro-optical device according to claim 1, further including:
  - a first striped electrode formed on the at least one substrate;
  - a second striped electrode formed on the other substrate, and extending in a direction that intersects the first striped electrode; and

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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